

NATIVE ROOTS

To promote the enjoyment & stewardship of natural areas in West Central Indiana!

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GREEN DRINKS of LAFAYETTE

--a dynamic gathering & networking arena for those looking for information and connections related to environmental and sustainability issues in the community

WED, MAY 7th at Lafayette Brewing Company—Upstairs

6:00-6:45pm socializing & networking

6:45-7:45pm **DISCUSSION on RECYCLING OPTIONS**

led by David Crouse (Midwest E-Waste)

and Dawn Boston (Wildcat Solid Waste District)

SPONSORED BY Hoosier Environmental Council

& local citizens for environmental & sustainable change

For further info, contact:

Greg Jones 765-714-9624 or Rae Schnapp rschnapp@hecweb.org

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

West Central Chapter of INPAWS - Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society

WC-INPAWS PROGRAM Meetings--fourth Mondays* at 7pm

at Lilly Nature Center -- Celery Bog Nature Area

* (NOTE: NO PGM MEETINGS MAY thru JULY)

Interim Officers until JAN 2009 elections:

Reni Winter - Interim President, taking over for Susan Ulrich

Susan Ulrich - Interim Vice-President, taking over for Mary Sue

Waser, who has completed her two-year commitment

CALL-OUT FOR STATE CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS:

As co-chair of this NOV 22nd conference,

Reni invites you to sign up for one of these committees:

1-Speakers 2-Publicity 3-Decorations 4-Exhibitors & Sponsors

5-Registration & Conference Day Logistics 6-Post-conf Follow-up

Let Reni know which committee you'd like to work on by calling

her at 765-714-4288 or e-mailing her at reni@winterhavenfarm.us

STATE INPAWS Field Trips

SAT, JUN 7 Whiteside Arboretum & Gardens

in Coles County, Illinois

See natural habitat gardens (bog, desert, pond, southern forest,...)

and genus collections (e.g., Magnolia)

Led by Dr. Wes Whiteside

SAT, JUN 21 Pokagon State Park—Steuben County

Explore wetlands and mesic forest.

Led by Dr. Paul Rothrock and Rich Dunbar

For more info, contact **Mike Homoya**: mhomoya@dnr.in.gov

Complete calendar of INPAWS pgms & fieldtrips at www.inpaws.org

NATIVE PLANTS sold here...

May 10 10am-12:30pm INPAWS Native Plant Sale & Auction

Trinity Church/St. Richard's School (in School Gym)

3243 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN (cash or check, only)

For info: **Tom Hohman** (317-831-1715) or hohmantr@aol.com

or www.inpaws.org

Reni Winter's Winterhaven Wildflowers & Native Plant Preserve

in rural West Point, IN, is ready to go non-profit and is seeking a

core group of supporters who may be willing to be board members

and/or officers. Its mission is to propagate, preserve and educate

people about Indiana native plants and their place in the local and

regional ecosystems. Winterhaven's 10 acres of former tallgrass prairie

is being slowly restored from its temporary use as an alfalfa farm. An

additional 3 acres is a wetland with a spring and a small bog.

More info: www.winterhavenfarm.us or call Reni at 765-714-4288.

GARDENING & PLANT SWAP NETWORK forming...

If interested, send e-mail to flower garden enthusiast

LisaRatliff29@gmail.com

SYCAMORE AUDUBON SOCIETY (SAS)

www.sycamoreaudubonsociety.org

SAS PROGRAM Meetings--second Thursdays at 7:15pm

at Lilly Nature Center -- Celery Bog Nature Area

(preceded by 6pm "Dinner and Conversation" with the speaker at the MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette)

MAY 8th "Butterflies of Belize" -- John Shuey (TNC's director of Science) will show pictures of the beautiful butterflies from Belize and discuss some of the hazards that they and other butterflies face.

NO SAS MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST.

PGM CHAIR—Diane Packett: dipackett@pex.net or 765-463-9231

SAS FIELDTRIPS

For field trip or hike info: **Barry Dunning** 494-3565w, 497-3082h

SAS "BIG DAY in MAY" BIRD COUNT -- SAT, MAY 10th

NOTE: MAY BIRD COUNT areas will be assigned & participation forms will be handed out on MAY 8th at 6:45pm before SAS program.

Participants wanted—for more info, contact your county compilers:

Tippecanoe—Barry Dunning 765-494-3565work / 497-3082home

Warren—Susan Ulrich 765-583-2275 sueandtedulrich@msn.com

White—Rick Read 574-583-7000 Rick_Read@goodyear.com

RICHARD LOUV, author of *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, was honored this year with the 50th Audubon Medal for sounding the alarm about the health and societal costs of children's isolation from the natural world and for strengthening efforts to reconnect kids with nature.

He is a keynote speaker at the first statewide

Environmental Education Symposium

June 26th & 27th - Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis

Symposium attendance is limited, so register early at www.eeai.org

ENERGY: Sources, Alternatives and Conservation

Workshop for K-12 Educators

TUES, JUN 10th 8am-3pm

at Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area in West Lafayette

Space is limited, so register right away:

Mary Cutler 765-567-2993 or **Pam Luenz** pmluenz@nlci.com

TURTLE & TORTOISE Conservation, Rehabilitation, & Rescue

SAT, MAY 24th 1pm at Cool Creek Nature Center (Carmel)

(call 317-848-0576 for more information)

Marty La Prees of Indiana Turtle Care

will have live turtles & talk about

the Turtle Care Rescue Center www.indianaturtlecare.com

4th Annual CELEBRATE the WILDCAT at ADAMS MILL

SAT, JUN 7, 2008 10am – 6pm (1/2 mile east of Cutler, IN)

Recreation: ~ Canoe rides/nature hikes ~ Tours of Adams Mill ~

Information: ~ Wildcat ~ Environmental & Conservation groups ~

Food & Beverages: ~ for purchase or bring a picnic lunch ~

Sponsored by Wildcat Creek Foundation & Wildcat Guardians



Central Indiana Frog Watchers(CIFW)

meet second Wednesdays at 7pm

at Camp Cullom Nature Center

6815 West Co Rd 200N, Frankfort IN

MAY 14th Spring Amphibian Hike

Explore the wetlands of Camp Cullom; look for and listen to the calling frogs; dip net for tadpoles and salamander larvae!

Dress for the weather, and bring a flashlight.

JUN 11th Amphibian Crafts and Activities

with guest speaker "Frog Dawn" VanDeman (Naturalist at Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis)

For more info, contact: **Wendell Zetterberg, Jr.**

at 765-249-2298 or wzetterberg@hotmail.com

"WEDNESDAYS in the WILD"

Natural History Workshops/Fieldtrips

MAY-JUN 2008 1-3pm or As Noted

May 7 1-3pm Spring on the Wing (Birds & Birding)LNC

Susan Ulrich & Temple Pearson (expert birding enthusiasts) lead an outdoor walk around the marsh looking for returning warblers, vireos, thrushes, and maybe waterfowl & shorebirds, too! Bring binoculars.

May 14 1-3pm Wings & Wildflowers Bring binoculars **McCORMICK**

Susan Ulrich (avid birder) and Sally Weeks (Purdue dendrologist) lead a birding and botanizing walk through this wet woodland.

May 21 1-3pm* Exploration of Black Oak Savanna &

Pin Oak FlatwoodsFOS

Gus Nyberg (Executive Director of NICHES Land Trust) will hike the north trail and talk about NICHES' restoration efforts on this state dedicated nature preserve in Jasper County, near Wolcott.

* CARPOOL leaves LNC at 12 noon or meet at FOS at 1pm(EDT).

May 28 1-3pm Stream CrittersBring BOOTS!.....BEEC

Find out who lives in Burnett Creek! Indoor/outdoor program led by Mary Cutler (Tippecanoe Naturalist).

Jun 4 7-9pm Indiana TICKSEVENING.....LNC

John MacDonald (Purdue Entomologist) will discuss the biology and medical importance of these bloodsucking parasites! Preserved specimens of most common ticks will be available for examination.

Jun 11 1-3pm SPIDER IdentificationLNC

Jim Floyd (Member of the American Arachnological Society) leads this interactive workshop on spider morphology and anatomy, including how to use the book *Spiders and Their Kin* to ID spiders.

****NOTE:** Copies of this Golden Guide will be available for purchase (cash/check only) courtesy of Von's Book Shop.

Jun 18 7-9pm TURTLES of IndianaEVENING.....LNC

Rod Williams (Purdue Herpetologist) & Brian MacGowen (Purdue Extension Wildlife Specialist) present the natural history of common Indiana turtle species, followed by an outdoor search for turtles (weather permitting).

Jun 25 7:30-9:30pm FIREFLIES—nature's little night lights! LNC

Why the lights? How do they do it? Find out with Arwin Provonsha (Purdue Entomologist). Indoor/outdoor pgm. Bring a flashlight.

LOCATIONS

BEEC(Brier Environmental Educ Ctr): Battle Ground—turn by small Center sign on south side of Prophet St nr intersection with N. 9th St

FOS (Fisher Oak Savanna): Meet in property parking lot—directions at www.nicheslandtrust.org or CARPOOL from LNC at 12 noon.

LNC (Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area): On north side of Lindberg Rd (betw Northwestern & McCormick) in West Lafayette.

McCORMICK (McCormick Woods): Meet in Purdue's Schwartz Tennis Center parking lot on McCormick near Cherry Lane in WL. (NOTE: Entrance to McCormick Woods is off Cherry Lane.)

Sponsored by: Mary Cutler-TIPP CO Park & Rec Dept, Brian Tunis-WL Parks & Rec, Sycamore Audubon Soc, WC-INPAWS, NICHES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact:

Mary Cutler (765-567-2993), Brian Tunis (765-497-7158), or Editor

MORE NATURE OUTINGS

~AT HAPPY HOLLOW PARK – WL: Meet at 1st parking lot by swings:

Every MonWedFri: 11am Walks with Temple Pearson—

"All levels of walkers welcome. We walk for 2 miles in 30-45 minutes depending on the different groups & talk about wildflowers, birds,...."

For info, contact **Temple: 765-743-3437** or **tdpearson@yahoo.com**

~AT AGRONOMY CENTER for Research & Education – West Laf.

THURS, JUN 19th 6:30pm "Black & Gold on the Prairie"

Enjoy the beautiful Peterson Prairie Plots on a summer evening.

RSVP to **Jim Beaty 765-463-2632** or **jbeaty@purdue.edu**

~AT GIBSON WOODS NATURE PRESERVE – Hammond, IN (CDT):

Spring Migration Hike - FRI, MAY 9, 8am —Register in advance.**

Wildflower Walks – MON, MAY 19, 9:30am

SAT, JUN 7, 1pm

Night Hike: Deep River – FRI, May 23, 8:30pm

****To register or for info: 219-844-3188**

Full schedule at www.lakecountyparks.com/GWindex.html

~AT TURKEY RUN STATE PARK – Marshall, IN

SAT, JUN 7 – National Trails Day

SAT, JUN 28 – Bird Fest

For info, contact: **Naturalist Barbara Cummings 765-597-2654**

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Protect woodland wildflowers--PULL GARLIC MUSTARD!!!

The INPAWS RIP (Remove Invasive Plant) Squad

~ in cooperation with WL & TIPP Parks & Rec Depts ~

could use your help at its SPRING 2008 workdays

Plastic bags will be provided, but bring gloves & dress for poison ivy!

TUESDAYS 10am-noon

THURSDAYS 3-5pm

West Lafayette Parks

Tippecanoe County Parks

May 6 Happy Hollow Park

May 8 Prophet's Rock Woods

May 13 Happy Hollow Park

May 15 Ross Hills Park

May 20 Celery Bog Nature Area

May 22 Ross Hills Park

May 27 Celery Bog Nature Area

May 29 Ross Hills Park

Workday Meeting Locations

Please call contact person to confirm meeting place/weather.**

Celery Bog Nature Area—Meet in parking lot by Lilly Nature Ctr, WL.

Happy Hollow Park—Meet in last parking lot after entering the park from Happy Hollow Rd in West Lafayette.

****Brian Tunis 765-497-7158 or Bob Cheever: 765-775-5124**

Prophet's Rock Woods—Meet at little Prophet's Rock parking lot on Prophets Rock Road, just north of 600N (toward Battle Ground).

Ross Hills Park—Meet at far end of park's 2nd parking area (loop drive). Ross Hills is located off Division Rd near Ravines Golf Course.

****Joan Samuels 765-567-7023 or Mary Sue Waser 765-589-3228**

NICHES Land Trust – Helping Ecosystems Survive!

Executive Director Gus Nyberg: gnyberg@nicheslandtrust.org

WORKDAYS/HIKES at NICHES Properties (EDT)

(Meet in property parking lot unless otherwise noted!)

SAT, MAY 10 – 10am Justice Farm (Cass County)

small honeysuckle removal and trash pickup from the banks of the Wabash. Meet on the south side of the Georgetown Bridge.

Workday to be followed by a hike on the new addition to explore the rare geology of the area, including a disappearing stream.

SAT, MAY 17 –Holley Savanna Trail Opening (Newton Co.)

TWO GUIDED TOURS: 10am and noon (EDT)

will highlight the savanna and prairie restoration at this wonderful habitat of white oaks, pin oak ponds and wildflowers sitting on top of the Iroquois Moraine.

Gus says: "Bring a youthful heart, your kids, and shoes that can get a little wet, as we will be dip netting the ephemeral ponds.

We hope to get a glimpse of larval salamanders and fairy shrimp.

Don't know what a fairy shrimp is? Come find out!

For info & property directions: www.nicheslandtrust.org or call

Gus Nyberg 765-423-1605 or Susan Ulrich at 765-583-2275.

WILD PLANT HIKE & ERADICATION WORK DAY

AT TURKEY RUN STATE PARK

Meet in front of the Inn on SAT, MAY 17th at 10am – Rain or Shine

Join Friends of Turkey Run and Shades for a 2-hour hike through one of the park's many beautiful canyons and upland woods, followed by a (bring-your-own) trail lunch at Sunset Point, then a 2-hour work session eradicating invasive bush honeysuckle—the plant that's slowly and seriously blemishing the park's original wild beauty.

Rich Scott is leading the hike. If you are going, please e-mail Rich so that he will have enough tools on hand; wear long pants and sleeves for the briars & bring work gloves. (redbud@bloomingdaletel.com)

CELERY BOG CLEAR CUTTING PETITION to Purdue President

available for signing through FRI May 9th in W. Laf. at Sunspot Market and at the Wild Bird Shoppe; or on-line at friendsofcelerybog.org

For more info, contact Joan: 567-7023, mohrsamuels@comcast.net

De-Trash the Wabash - May 17th - 9am-1pm

Team leaders needed for both land & boat based teams: contact the

Wabash Riverkeeper at **714-4829** or rschnapp@hecweb.org

Walkers meet at Tapawingo Park, West Lafayette

Boaters meet at Mascouten Park – North River Rd, WL

Why this newsletter?

If you're like me, you'd like to have all your nature news in one place—so you don't miss out on some interesting natural history programs or stewardship opportunities. That's my intent here.

Submissions for JUL-AUG issue need to reach me by **JUN 25th**.

Please send your info to mohrsamuels@comcast.net <-new e-mail or call (765) 567-7023. **Joan Mohr Samuels, Editor**